(c) the target for making India self-sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the sensitive nature of the information, it will not be in the interest of national security to divulge it on the Floor of the House.

Induction of Mid-Air Refueling System by Indian Air Force

1559. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force have inducted mid air refuelling and weapon platforms in space; and

(b) if so, the futuristic weapons systems India propose to add as is being done by the advanced countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Indian Air Force has inducted air-to-air Flight Refueling aircraft but it has no weapon platforms in space.

(b) There is no proposal to add futuristic weapons system in space for Indian Air Force.

Amendment in Building Construction rules of Defence Cantonments

1560. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recent amendments made in Building Construction Rules in Defence Cantonments regarding increase of FSI to accord permission for construction of more floors;

(b) whether in the light of amendments towards increase of FSI, Government will pave a rule and initiate the process of regularising thousands of Building with unauthorised floors in Secunderabad Cantonment to secure property taxes of all such unauthorised floors to Secunderabad Cantonment, Board, which the Boards is deprived of at present;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of various amendments as made in Defence Cantonment Rules, recently?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The issue of Floor Space Index (FSI) in the case of Secunderabad Cantonment was reviewed by the Government in the light of directions issued by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh. FSI means the quotient of the ratio of the combined gross floor area of all floors including areas of all walls, expect area specifically exempted, to the total area of the plot/building unit. The Government issued orders on 2.4.2003 to relax FSI from 0.5 to 1.5 in all private colonies outside notified civil areas and all notified civil areas of Secunderabd Cantonment excluding Bungalows held on resumble tenure and leased sites where FSI will continue to be 0.5.

Under these orders, the buildings which conform to Building Byelaws of Secunderabad Cantonment coming within 1.5 FSI will be regularized by charging composition fee under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

The Government has not made any amendments to the FSI Regulations in respect of other Cantonments in the country.

Strike Power of IAF

1561. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force propose to double its strike power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Upgrading strike power is a continuous process in Indian air Force. All steps are being taken for implementation of the proposal to modernize the Indian Air Force and increase its combat ability.